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2009-11 Budget Bill Statutory Language Drafting Request

• Topic: Smart Card

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Agency acronym: DHS

Agency number: 435

• Priority (Low, Medium, High): High

Intent: See attached paper "proposed change".

Department of Health Services Statutory Language Request January 17, 2009

Consolidated Enrollment for Public Programs

Problem Description

The Department of Health Services, Department of Workforce Development, and Department of Children and Families each determine eligibility for the programs they administer, using different approaches to enrollment, eligibility determination, and benefit delivery systems. These differences lead to a complicated system for Wisconsin citizens to navigate. In addition, duplication of information and redundancy in processes results in an inefficient use of resources.

Background and Rationale for Change

Individuals applying for a program may need to verify the same information with multiple agencies because information is not shared between computer systems. Currently, there are at least five different automated systems, which do not communicate with one another as a whole (although some systems do communicate at this time). In addition, there are numerous methods for delivery of program benefits including benefit cards, paper checks, electronic funds transfer, and paper vouchers.

Many individuals and families receive benefits from several public programs at one time. For instance, nearly 95% of the families receiving Child Care or W-2 benefits (administered by DCF) are also receiving BadgerCare Plus and FoodShare benefits (administered by DHS). Another example is that of the 160,000 individuals who receive WHEAP (a Department of Administration program), nearly all of them also receive FoodShare benefits.

A new model could integrate the various programs, without the various government agencies responsible for program administration losing control of their individual program. Potential savings include postage, printing, and the staff and resource costs of duplicated efforts.

An integrated model could have a single smart card that contains data for all programs. This could include FoodShare, WIC, and the bank number where the cash benefits from foster care, child care, unemployment compensation, WHEAP, and W-2 could be deposited.

Proposed Change

Include a non-statutory provision to direct DWD, DCF, DOA, and DHS to develop a plan by July 1, 2010 to streamline enrollment processes, coordinate computer systems, and implement a single smart card. The agencies would need to develop an implementation plan and billing methodologies to facilitate the initiation of a single smart card to be used across public programs operated in the Departments listed above. If there is a need to change statutory provisions or transfers funds between agencies, require that these Departments prepare legislation by July 1, 2010 to implement any needed statutory or funding changes.

Desired Effective Date:

Upon passage of the bill.

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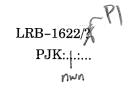
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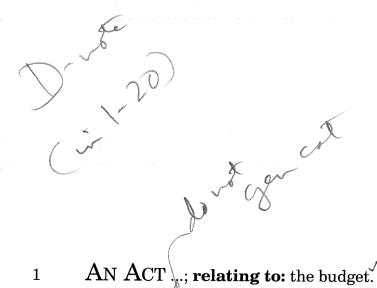
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